

COMMISSION MEETING: 10TH OCTOBER 2019

Meeting No: 8
Date and time: 10th October 2019; 09:00-13:00
Place: 11-15 Thistle Street EH2 1DF

Attendees: Ian Russell, Chair
Grahame Smith
Iain Docherty
Jan Webb
John Trower
Mary Pitcaithy
Rachel Skinner
Sara Thiam
Tony Rose
Jonathan Moore
Lynne Ward
Paula Richardson
Angela Scott (presentation)

Apologies: Ken Gillespie
Benny Higgins

No	Item
1	<p>The Chair welcomed the Commissioners and Angela Scott, Chief Executive of Aberdeen City Council.</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Ken Gillespie Benny Higgins</p> <p><u>Declaration of interest</u> John Trower advised of change to Declaration: has become Director of Utopi.</p>
2	<p>Angela Scott, Chief Executive, Aberdeen City Council</p> <p>Angela gave a presentation to the Commissioners, with the theme of the “lift experience of a city”. Some areas discussed included: being resilient to economic shocks; net migration challenges, around Brexit concerns; changes to support the transition to a low-carbon economy; focus of Authority’s spend and role of independent economic policy panel; and the appropriate urban governance model and local governance bill.</p> <p>The Chair and Commissioners thanked Angela for a very interesting and invaluable presentation.</p>
3	<p>Minutes from Previous Meeting</p>

	Approved, no comments.
4	Actions from Previous Meeting
	TR spoke through the action list, highlighting actions which were ongoing.
5	Schedule of Stakeholder Meetings
	It was noted that Commissioners should schedule key stakeholder meetings, including media discussions, for the second half of November.
6	Evidence & Research Update
	LW updated on the 3 research reports: Net Zero Carbon (NZC), Inclusive Economic Growth (IEG) and Ipsos Mori (IM). Drafts of each of these have now been circulated. It was agreed that final versions will be circulated by 21 st October.
7	Phase 1 Report – Key findings
	TR discussed the draft executive summary which highlights areas of priority, but also signposts final areas of work and clarification. Commissioners discussed areas for development which included the importance of setting the scene of the Commissioner’s focus more explicitly e.g. on the combination of inclusive economic growth and net zero carbon; and development of the draft recommendations. Revised draft to be circulated by 11 th October. A draft full report will be prepared for the November meeting.
8	Phase 1 Report – Handling Strategy
	JM presented the report which had a detailed timeframe and handling options, as well as highlighting follow-up activities for early 2020, to support the report launch. The recommended approach was agreed.
9	Phase 2 Scoping
	TR gave a verbal update of the remit for Phase 2 and discussed potential scope and methodologies. A future report will detail out more clearly the Phase 2 activities for agreement.
10	AOCB
	TR tabled the executive summary which had been designed, for illustration. This will be further developed, with the December report being fully designed.
11	Close
	The Chair thanked the Commissioners for their contributions.